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Applicant : Keiji SHIODA et al

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RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2004, the term for response to which expires on January 29, 2005.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species I, claims 1-15, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

As indicated above, the claims readable on elected Species I are claims 1-15.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

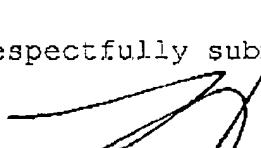
It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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